

Charles Hudson Will

Georgia
Putnam County

In the name of God. Amen
I Charles Hudson of the County
and State aforesaid being sick & weak of body but of sound and
disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and ordain
and Establish this Instrument to be my last Will and testament
and just as it regards my body it is my request that it should
be buried after my death in a decent Christian burial
and as it regards my worldly property which now belongs
to me or which I may hereafter receive which is coming to me
I do bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner
(viz.) Item the first, It is my Will & desire that all of my
Estate both Real & Personal of every description with all
demands & Interests which may now belong or coming to me
should be kept together, until all my debts are paid. For the
time of Five Years from the first day of January next, and
during said time it is my desire that my Property should
be managed in the best possible way for the benefit of my
Wife and Children and during the said time it is my desire
that my Children should be Educated in the best way that
my Executors may think the Estate will otherwise, and it is
further my desire that during the said time of Five Years
from the first day of January next, that my Wife & Children
should be well supported and clothed from my Estate, and
it is further my Will, and desire that my Executors should
at any time they think proper sell or dispose of any part of
my Estate either Real or Personal and to purchase any other
Property which my said Executors may think proper, and it
is further my Will & desire that if either of my daughters should
marry before the expiration of the said time of five Years from
the first day of January next, it is my Will & desire that my
Executor should loan to such Daughter or daughter any
part of my Estate which can be reasonably spared but I
wish them only to increase their wealth and not to loan any thing
unless my said Executor may consider that such property as
may be loaned can be spared from my Estate, and at the expi-
-ration of the time of Five Years from the first day of January
next my said Executors shall either receive back the property
loaned as aforesaid or agree on its value, and let the person
in possession of the same receive it as a part of his or her legacy at
a valuation that my Executor may consider just and reasonable
but in every instance the property is to be returned in improved un-
-less the person in possession of the same will receive the same as a
part of his or her legacy at the valuation put on said property
by my Executors

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Item 2nd It is my will and desire that at the expiration of the term of Three Years, from the first day of January next that my Executor herein named should ~~have~~ all my property both Real & Personal of every kind and description go to gather and Valued by three disinterested persons to be appointed by the Inferior Court of the County where the property may be or if agreeable I wish my Executor to appoint said persons, and after my whole property which then may belong to my Estate is Valued I will & desire that my Daughter Leahy should receive either in property or money the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars and then the whole balance of my Estate both Real & Personal I wish divided equally between my wife & all the Children which I may then have living or the legal representation of such Child or Children who may not then be living, and it is my desire that such division should be made in property as near as may be possible and without the sale of any part of my Estate unless my Executor should think it best to sell any part of my Estate for the purpose of making said division, having left over to my Daughter Leahy two Hundred Dollars in consideration of unfortunate lameness it is never the less my will and desire that she should receive an equal part with my wife and the balance of my Children of the balance of my Estate

Item 3rd And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth Hudson my Executrix and my brother John Hudson my Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this twenty first day of August in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred & twenty six.

In presence of
David Dawson
Nelson R. Porter
Jeph Keaton
David E. Keaton
Wiley Hopson

Charles Hudson (seal)